

Die Jovis, 6 Augusti, 1646.

AN
ORDINANCE
OF THE
LORDS & COMMONS
ASSEMBLED
IN PARLIAMENT:

FOR
Explanation of a former Ordinance
of Parliament of the 24th. November,
1645. for an Additionall Excise or
New-Impost for Payment

OF
A R T I F I C E R S.

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OR the better putting in execution and explanation of an Ordinance of Parliament dated the 24th. of *November*, in the year 1645. for an Additionall Excise or New-Impost for payment of the Artificers, and others; Bee it Declared and Ordained by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That twenty hundred weight shall be accompted for one Fother of Lead, and that the Maker or Smelter thereof, shall be liable to the payment of five shillings the Fother, as well as the first Buyer, if he be exporter thereof. That four pence shall be paid by way of Excise, for every ounce Troy, and so for a greater or lesser quantity proportionably of Silver or Gold, that any Refiner, Goldsmith, Gold-drawer, or other, shall prepare,
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melt downe, or disgrosse, or cause to be prepared, melted downe, or disgrossed for Wyer, the same to bee paid by every such Refiner, Goldsmith, Gold-drawer, or other at the Barre where the same shall be disgrossed.

That eight pence shall be paid upon every pound weight containing sixteen ounces Aver-dupois, so proportionably for a greater or lesser quantity of all Copper or other Metall, that any Wyer-drawer, Goldsmith, or other, shall prepare, make fit, or disgrosse, or cause to be prepared, fitted, or disgrossed for Wyer, the same in like manner to be paid by every such Wyer-drawer, Goldsmith, or other, at the Barre where the same shall be disgrossed.

And be it likewise declared and ordained by Authority aforesaid, as well for the securing, discovering, and collecting of the severall sums of Money imposed and declared by this present Ordinance upon all Silver, Gold, Copper, and other Metall disgrossed for Wyer, as to prevent the false making of these Commodities, and that the Excise may be levied equally upon all the Makers thereof, That all Gold, Silver, Copper, and other Metall to be disgrossed
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sed for Wyer as aforesaid, be brought to one certaine Place, or Places, appointed, or to be appointed by the Commissioners of Excise within the City or County where such Metall is prepared or fitted, and there disgrossed, and not elsewhere; and that no Barres, Benches, Screws, Engines, or other Instruments for disgrossing, be used and allowed in any other place, upon forfeiture of all such Silver, Gold, Copper or other Metall as shall be found to bee disgrossed elsewhere, or double the value thereof, to be levied, raised, and disposed of, in such manner and forme, as is directed by the 13th. and 15th. Articles of the Ordinance of Excise of the 11th. of Sept. 1643. And for the better encouragement of all Traders and Dealers in any of the said Commodities, that for al waste that shall arise and be made in the disgrossing or working of any the said Gold, silver, copper, and other Metall, the same being brought in like manner, and at the same place afterward melted downe, such abatements and allowances shall be made and given, as shall be thought fit by the Commissioners of Excise, or such as they shall appoint under their hands and scales.

And for prevention of all fraud that may otherwise be practised to elude this Ordinance, Be it in like manner Ordained, that all right silver, and Silver and Gold Thred be made up into Skeans, and all Copper and Brasse Thred into Skeans, or on Quils, and brought in like manner to a certain place or places appointed, or to be appointed by the Commissioners of Excise, thereto be marked or sealed, with such mark or seale, as shall be made or appointed by the said Commissioners, upon penalty of like Forfeiture before expressed; Provided, that no Officer or other, shall take or demand any Fee, or reward whatsoever, of any Trader or Dealer in any of the said Commodities for that service. And for the better encouragement and increase of the Manufacture in this Kingdome; Be it likewise Ordained, That all Gold, Silver, and Copper Thred imported, or to be imported, shall pay by way of Excise and New-Impost in every Twenty shillings value thereof, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity (besides the Rate already imposed) Twelve pence, the same to be paid by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant, Importer, or Ingrosser, and shall be

be received, collected, and issued forth in such manner, and to such intent and purposes as are appointed & directed by the said Ordinance of the 24th of November last, first above mentioned. And likewise, that the same before sale thereof be sealed and marked in like manner as the native silver, and Silver and Gold Thread, upon penalty of like Forfeiture as is before expressed, without any Fee or reward also had, or given to any Officer employed for that service. And it is further ordained and Declared by Authority aforesaid, That all Linseed Oyle, Whale Oyle, Rape Oyle, Pilchard, and all other Oyles made and spent in this Kingdome, formerly set at Twelve pence, shall now pay onely Six pence upon every Twenty shillings value, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity, to be paid also by the first Buyer, and the Maker to accompt every moneth for all Oyles made and delivered, upon paine of Five pounds, to be forfeited and levied by Distresse for every default therein.

That the Excise of Six pence charged upon every twenty shillings value of Silkes Dyed, besides the Twelve pence at first imposed, was,
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and is intended, and hereby declared to be received and levied on Silke Dyed, and that the same, as also the Excise of three pence upon every twenty shillings value of Silk in the Gums already thrown, shall be paid by the respective first Buyer thereof.

That the severall and respective Rates of Excise, laid and imposed on the severall and respective sorts of Sope made in this Kingdome over and besides what the same were at first charged with, and Ordained to be paid by the first Buyer, shall be all respectively paid by the Maker thereof, and likewise that the addition of Eighteen pence the Firkin made to the Eighteen pence before imposed on Sope imported, bee taken off the Firkin, and paid and levied on every twenty shillings value thereof, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity by the first Buyer thereof from the Merchant or Importer.

And lastly, That all Lampernes for bait of Codfish, rated at ten shillings the thousand, shall pay only Twelve pence in the Thousand Excise.

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